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SUBJ: MTN TOUR D'HORIZON WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG

1. SUMMARY. PRIVATE MEETING WITH LONG AND PATTERSON
SEPTEMBER 2 OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO LET THEM KNOW WE ARE
READY TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS THIS FALL AND THAT
WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT 1977 COMPLETION DATE. LONG'S PRINCIPAL
PREOCCUPATION APPEARED TO BE TO GET BRAZILIAN GATT REFORM
PROPOSAL ON THE TRACKS AND HE ADVANCED A NEW RATIONALE WHY
U.S. AND OTHER DCS SHOULD SUPPORT (I.E., TO HEAD OFF A POST-
MTN UN TAKEOVER). HE AGREED TO DEFER SEVEN PLUS SEVEN ON
THIS SUBJECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 23; HE ANTICIPATES A TNC
MEETING OCTOBER 21 OR 22 WITH AGENDA CONFINED TO ESTABLISH-
MENT OF FRAMEWORK IMPROVEMENT GROUP. END SUMMARY.

2. AT LONG'S INVITATION, I MET WITH DG AND DDG PATTERSON
FOR TOUR D'HORIZON. TYPICALLY, LITTLE OF THE TOUR CAME FROM
THE DG. HOWEVER, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS UPON HIM
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THE POINTS SET OUT BELOW.

3. I REAFFIRMED STRONG US DETERMINATION TO COMPLETE MTN DURING 1977. I TOLD LONG WE STILL FAVORED A MINISTERIAL-LEVEL TNC IN LATE WINTER 1977 AND THAT WE EXPECTED EC AND MEMBER STATE SUPPORT FOLLOWING BRUSSELS MEETINGS LATER THIS MONTH. I TOLD LONG WE AGREED WITH HIS SUGGESTION THAT SUCH A MEETING BE HELD OUTSIDE GENEVA.

4. I STRESSED THE U.S. WILLINGNESS TO CONDUCT SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS THIS FALL, PARTICULARLY ON TARIFFS, NTMS, SAFEGUARDS, AND BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON AGRICULTURE "OTHER PRODUCTS" NOTIFICATIONS.

5. I NOTED THE APPARENT COMPLETE INTRANSIGENCE OF EC ON BASIC AGRICULTURAL ISSUES, AND GAVE LONG A COPY OF LARDINOIS' AUGUST 24 CALIFORNIA SPEECH. I EMPHASIZED THAT WE WERE NOT SEEKING CONFRONTATION BUT THAT A MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE ANY TIME SOON SHOULD BE AVOIDED, POINTING OUT THAT EVEN IF WE DIDN'T START A FIGHT, THE AUSTRALIANS PROBABLY WOULD IF THEIR RECENT BEHAVIOR WAS ANY GUIDE.

6. LONG DID NOT REACT TO MOST OF THIS, THOUGH OBSERVING USEFUL WORK COULD BE DONE THIS FALL. COMMENTING ON AUSTRALIA, HE NOTED AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PM DOUGLAS ANTHONY HAD VISITED HIM IN AUGUST DURING THE COURSE OF A EUROPEAN TRIP. LONG SAID THAT ANTHONY'S PRIVATE REMARKS WERE LOWER KEY THAN HIS PUBLIC ATTACKS ON EC MEAT EMBARGO. LONG SAID ANTHONY ASSURED HIM AUSTRALIANS WERE NOT PLANNING TO OPT OUT OF EITHER THE MTN OR THE MFA. HE SAID ANTHONY TOLD HIM AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT TAKE A LINE SO STRONG AS TO MAKE A "FOOL OUT OF THEMSELVES", BUT HE WAS NOT SURE THIS MEANT THEY WERE GOING TO BE LESS AGGRESSIVE.

7. WITH RESPECT TO THE BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL, LONG'S SCENARIO IS TO HAVE TWO SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETINGS IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER (HE IS CONVINCED IT WILL TAKE TWO SUCH MEETINGS TO WRAP THE THING UP), FOLLOWED BY WHAT HE CALLED A "CONVENTIONAL" TNC (I.E., ONE HELD AT THE GENEVA-REP LEVEL) ON OCTOBER 21 OR 22. AT MY URGING HE AGREED TO RESCHEDULE THE SEPTEMBER 17 MEETING TO SEPTEMBER 23 (PATTERSON WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESIDE IN HIS ABSENCE AT IMF IN MANILA) WITH A FOLLOW-UP SEVEN PLUS SEVEN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11.

8. LONG'S ONLY SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION OCCURRED AT THIS POINT WHEN HE REFERRED TO THE UN RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE WHICH, HE IS CONVINCED, WILL BEGIN THREATENING THE GATT AS SOON AS THE MTN IS COMPLETED. HE SAID HE HOPES THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WILL KEEP THIS IN MIND IN NEGOTIATIONS

IN THE FRAMEWORK GROUP SINCE HE HOPES THE MTN WILL YIELD A
GATT WHICH IS UP TO DATE AND SUPPORTED BY BOTH THE LDCS AND
DCS. LONG BELIEVES THIS SHOULD BE A DEVELOPED COUNTRY GOAL
IN THE FRAMEWORK IMPROVEMENT GROUP.

9.I ASKED LONG'S REACTION TO THE FRENCH CABINET SHUFFLE
AND HE RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT THE ELEVATION OF
BARRE WHOM HE CLAIMS TO KNOW AND WHOM HE CONSIDERS VERY
SENSIBLE.WALKER

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